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SUMMARY. DRC ADDRESSED NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES (NMAS) 1975-1980 FORCE PROPOSALS FOR NORWAY ON MARCH 13 AND 14. FORCE PROPOSALS CALLING FOR ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT, GUIDED MISSILE FAST PATROL BOATS, AND LEOPARD MEDIUM TANKS WERE DROPPED OR REVISED SUBSTANTIALLY. PROPOSALS FOR REPLACING F-5 AND F-104G AIRCRAFT AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS WERE MAINTAINED. ACTING CHAIRMAN BRABAND CHARACTERIZED RESULTING FORCE PROPOSALS AS "REALISTIC CHALLENGE" FOR NORWAY. END SUMMARY.

1. DRC DISCUSSED NMA 1975-1980 FORCE PROPOSALS FOR NORWAY
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DURING SPLIT SESSION MARCH 13 AND 14. FOLLOWING COMMENTS CONCERN LAND FORCES: NORWEGIAN REPS ANNOUNCED COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR 270 TOW ANTI-TANK MISSILES. NORWEGIAN REPS SAID THEIR SPECIAL STUDY ON BRIGADE STRUCTURE FOR 1980'S (TO BE

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COMPLETED NEXT YEAR) WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON FUTURE PROCUREMENT AND ORGANIZATION. PENDING OUTCOME OF THIS STUDY, NORWEGIANS AGREED TO ACCEPT AS A REALISTIC CHALLENGE THE FORCE PROPOSAL FOR MECHANIZING UNITS OF THE PORSANGER GARRISON TO FORM ONE MOBILE COMPANY SIZE BATTLE GROUP (SERIAL 1L05) BUT EMPHASIZED THAT IMPLEMENTING SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF SERIALS 1L06 (FORMATION OF ONE CATEGORY D-1 MECHANIZED COMPANY GROUP IN EACH OF OSTLANDET AND TRONDELAG AREAS) AND 1L11 (MECHANIZE TWO CATEGORY C RCT'S) WOULD DEPEND ON STUDY RESULTS. DRC RETAINED THE FORCE PROPOSALS AND NOTED NORWEGIAN RESERVATIONS. DRC DELETED FORCE PROPOSAL FOR REPLACING OBSOLESCENT TANKS WITH MODERN LEOPARD VARIETY (SERIAL 1L13) AFTER NORWEGIAN REPS STATED THAT EXISTING M-48'S WERE STILL EFFECTIVE IN SOUTHERN NORWEGIAN ENVIRONS. NORWEGIAN REPS ACCEPTED PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE OPERATIONAL READINESS OF 5TH AND 13TH RCT'S (SERIAL 1L10) BUT NOTED DIFFICULTY OF SCHEDULING FORMAL TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR RESERVE FORCES MORE FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY 3 OR 4 YEARS. DRC RETAINED SUBSTANCE OF OTHER LAND FORCE PROPOSALS.

2. DISCUSSION OF MARITIME FORCE PROPOSALS CENTERED ON ADDITIONAL MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT (SERIAL 2A02) AND GUIDED MISSILE FAST PATROL BOATS (SERIAL 1M03). NORWEGIAN REPS SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD MILITARY RATIONALE FOR INCREASED MPA SURVEILLANCE BUT FOR FINANCIAL REASONS COULD NEITHER MAN NOR OTHERWISE SUPPORT ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT. NORWEGIAN REPS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ALLIED MPA'S MIGHT AUGMENT EXISTING CAPABILITY DURING CRISES. SACLANT REP CAUTIONED THAT AVAILABILITY OF EXTERNAL AUGMENTATION DEPENDED ON NATURE OF CRISIS AND SAID A GENERAL SHORTAGE OF MPA'S EXISTED IN NATO. DRC COMPROMISE WAS GENERAL FORCE PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED MPA CAPABILITY IN NORWEGIAN SEA AREA. NORWEGIAN REPS SAID THEY WERE UNABLE TO ACCEPT SERIAL 1M03 WHICH CALLED FOR 5 FPBGS. REJECTION WAS BASED UPON INCREASED COST OF NEW UNITS AS WELL AS QUESTIONS ABOUT NEED FOR NORWEGIAN OPEN-OCEAN CAPABILITIES. DRC REVISED PROPOSAL TO CALL FOR EXPEDITING PRESENT PLAN TO REPLACE FPBGS AND FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ADDITIONAL SIX CRAFT IN POST-1980 PERIOD. DRC REPLACED PROPOSAL FOR MOBILE SHORE-TO-SHIP MISSILE SYSTEMS (SERIAL 1M08) WITH GENERAL PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVED COASTAL DEFENSES

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AND DELETED THAT PORTION OF SERIAL 1M09 REQUESTING WAR RESERVE STOCK LEVELS IN EXCESS OF 30 COMBAT DAYS. FRG REP REQUESTED DRC ALSO REVISE EARLIER DECISION TO UPHOLD FORCE PROPOSAL CALLING FOR FRG ACHIEVEMENT OF WAR RESERVE STOCK LEVELS IN EXCESS OF 30 DAYS. DESPITE US REPS' OBJECTIONS, DRC DELETED PROPOSAL FOR FRG. DRC RETAINED SUBSTANCE OF OTHER MARITIME PROPOSALS.

3. DISCUSSION OF AIR-RELATED FORCE PROPOSALS CENTERED ON REPLACEMENTS FOR NORWEGIAN F-5 AND F-104G AIRCRAFT (SERIALS 1A06 AND 1A16).NORWEGIAN REPS SAID BOTH PROPOSALS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS "SINGLE PACKAGE" AND CAUTIONED (WITH SUPPORT FROM FRG AND CANADIAN REPS) AGAINST PUSHING FOR REPLACEMENT CHOICE BEFORE ALL CANDIDATES WERE FULLY EVALUATED. MC AND SHAPE REPS CITED

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OBSOLESCENCE OF EXISTING AIRCRAFT AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR. DRC REVISED SERIAL 1A16 TO CALL FOR NORWEGIAN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER NATIONS TOWARD ESTABLISHING A FIRM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR F-5 AND F-104G AIRCRAFT BEGINNING IN 1978. DRC UPHELD PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL AWX SQUADRON IN SOUTH NORWAY (SERIAL 1A06) BUT NOTED NORWEGIAN DESIRE TO CONSIDER IT IN CONJUCTION WITH GENERAL AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. DRC DELETED PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED HELICOPTER LIFTING CAPACITY (SERIAL 1A08) AFTER NORWEGIAN REPS SAID CAPABILITY COULD BE ACHIEVED WITH RECENTLY ACQUIRED CIVIAIAN HELICOPTERS. DRC ACCEPTED SUBSTANCE OF REMAINING AIR-RELATED PROPOSALS.

4. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF NMA FORCE PROPOSALS, NORWEGIAN REP ASKED THAT DRC CONSIDER ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL CALLING FOR INFRA-STRUCTURE FUNDING OF EXTERNAL FORCE RECEPTION FACILITIES ON NORWEGIAN SOIL. UK REP SAID RECEPTION FACILITIES WERE "NOT CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR COMMON FUNDING". CHAIRMAN SAID THT PROPOSAL WAS NOT WITHIN COMPETENCE OF DRC AND SUGGESTED NORWEGIANS RAISE PROPOSAL IN OTHER NATO FORA.

. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT DRC WOULD DISCUSS US-PROPOSED METHOD FOR DETERMINING ESSENTIAL FORCE PROPOSALS FOLLOWING MARCH 19 CONSIDERATION OF BELGIAN FORCE PROPOSALS. RUMSFELD

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